

Master Composter/ Recycler Program

The goal of the Master Composter/Recycler program is to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled by educating the public that recyclable materials and organic debris are an asset rather than a problem.

Our volunteers conduct free backyard composting workshops for Clark County residents throughout the year. These fun, informative, three-hour classes provide information on how to make and use compost with hands-on learning activities that ensure participants have a thorough understanding of sound composting methods.

If composting and recycling fascinates you and you are interested in a wonderful community service opportunity, consider becoming a Master Composter/Recycler volunteer! Our volunteers work with schools, garden groups, community groups, environmental groups and the general public providing research based education that is helping our community reduce the volume of material going to the landfill and improving soils countywide! For more information call (360) 882-4567.

Master Composter/Recycler training

This training is conducted annually. Volunteers receive in-depth training on the biology of composting, composting methods, kitchen scraps composting, compost use, recycling and solid waste issues, and volunteer outreach methods. They also receive a free compost bin, several books on composting and a training manual. The only cost associated with this program is time! In return for this extensive training, MC/Rs are expected to volunteer at least 45 hours of service to the community in MC/R activities. All Clark County residents are eligible for this free training. For more information call the Master Composter/Recycler program at (360) 882-4567.



Community workshops

Backyard composting workshops

For the general public, free backyard composting workshops covering the basics of composting yard debris and kitchen scraps are scheduled throughout the growing season. Participants in these informative workshops leave knowing how to successfully compost and with a compost bin in which to begin.

Worm composting (wormshops)

Worm composting (vermi-composting) is the practice of using earthworms to eat our food scraps and convert them into a nutrient rich plant food. During these three-hour “wormshops,” participants receive hands-on experience in how to set up and manage a worm bin and go home with a functioning worm bin! There is a small materials fee for this class.

For a schedule of available workshops and to register, contact the Clark County office at (360) 882-4567. Registration for these workshops is required as space is limited.

Visit a composting demonstration site

At composting demonstration sites, residents can take self guided tours to learn about composting, view different

bins and systems and see compost being used. You are invited to visit the sites listed below.

Center for Agriculture, Science and Environmental Education (CASEE)

11104 NE 149th Street
Brush Prairie

H & H Wood Recyclers

8401 NE 117th Avenue
Vancouver

Natural Gardens at Burnt Bridge

located at Michael Servetus Unitarian
Universalist Church
4505 E 18th Street
Vancouver

For more information

For more composting information, contact a Master Composter/Recycler at Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, (360) 882-4567. The Master Composter/Recycler program offers free composting workshops, composting how-to information, low-cost worm bin composting workshops, composting books to purchase, Master Composter/Recycler volunteer training, a reduced price compost bin, composting demonstration sites, teacher worm bin workshops, and speakers for neighborhood or community groups.

The Master Composter/Recycler program

is a cooperative effort of Clark County, Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, Yacolt, La Center and Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center. For information, please call (360) 882-4567.



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